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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

CATHETER INTRODUCER SYSTEM FOR EXPLORATION OF BODY CAVITIES

the specification of which is filed herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to in this declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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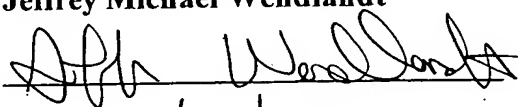
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U.S. Serial No. 09/492,448, filed January 27, 2000

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so

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For: CATHETER INTRODUCER SYSTEM
FOR EXPLORATION OF BODY
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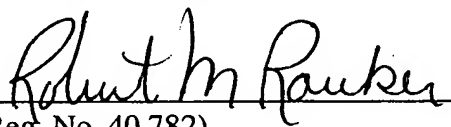
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

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SCIMED Life Systems, Inc., a corporation, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the United States patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from **Jeffrey M. Wendlandt**. The assignment is being submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation, and a copy of the assignment and the recordation cover sheet are attached.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

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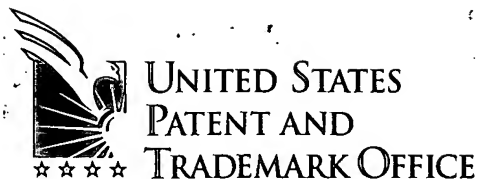
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I,

1) Jeffrey M. Wendlandt, a U.S. citizen;

residing at

1) 63 Rockland Place
Newton, Massachusetts 02464;

(hereinafter also referred to as "the Assignor"); have invented new and useful improvements in **CATHETER INTRODUCER SYSTEM FOR EXPLORATION OF BODY CAVITIES**, for which I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application being filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office herewith; and

WHEREAS, SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC., organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, having an office at One SCIMED Place, Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311-1566, (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the application and invention therein described and claimed and any Letters Patent that may be issued upon the application or for the improvements therein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One U.S. Dollar (U.S. \$1.00) and other valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to me, receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I hereby, without reservations:

1. Assign, transfer, and convey to Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, any and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, and Convention applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries, or upon said applications, and any and all Letters Patent, reissues, and extensions of letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon or arise from said inventions, said discoveries, said applications, and said Letters Patent.

2. Authorize Assignee to file patent applications in any or all countries for any or all of said inventions and discoveries in my name or in the name of Assignee or otherwise as Assignee may deem advisable, under the International Convention or otherwise.

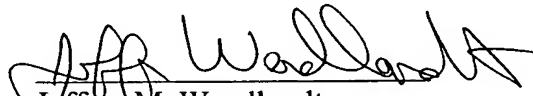
3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue or transfer all said Letters Patent to Assignee, as assignee of the entire right, title, and interest therein or

otherwise as Assignee may direct.

4. Warrant that I have not knowingly conveyed to others any right in said inventions, discoveries, applications, or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use, or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that I have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance.

5. Bind my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, as well as myself, to do, upon Assignee's request and at Assignee's expense, but without additional consideration to me or them, all acts reasonably serving to assure that the said inventions and discoveries, the said patent applications, and the said Letters Patent shall be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and entirely as the same could have been held and enjoyed by me, my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by Assignee; to communicate to Assignee all facts known to me relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof; and to furnish Assignee with any and all documents, photographs, models, samples, and other physical exhibits in my control or in the control of my heirs, legal representatives, or assigns which may be useful for establishing the facts of my conceptions, disclosures, and reduction to practice of said inventions and discoveries.

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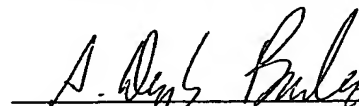

Jeffrey M. Wendlandt

United States of America)

State/Commonwealth of MA) ss.:

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On this 14 day of December 2001, before me personally came Jeffrey M. Wendlandt to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of same.


Notary Public
S. DOUGLAS BARBO
Notary Public
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